

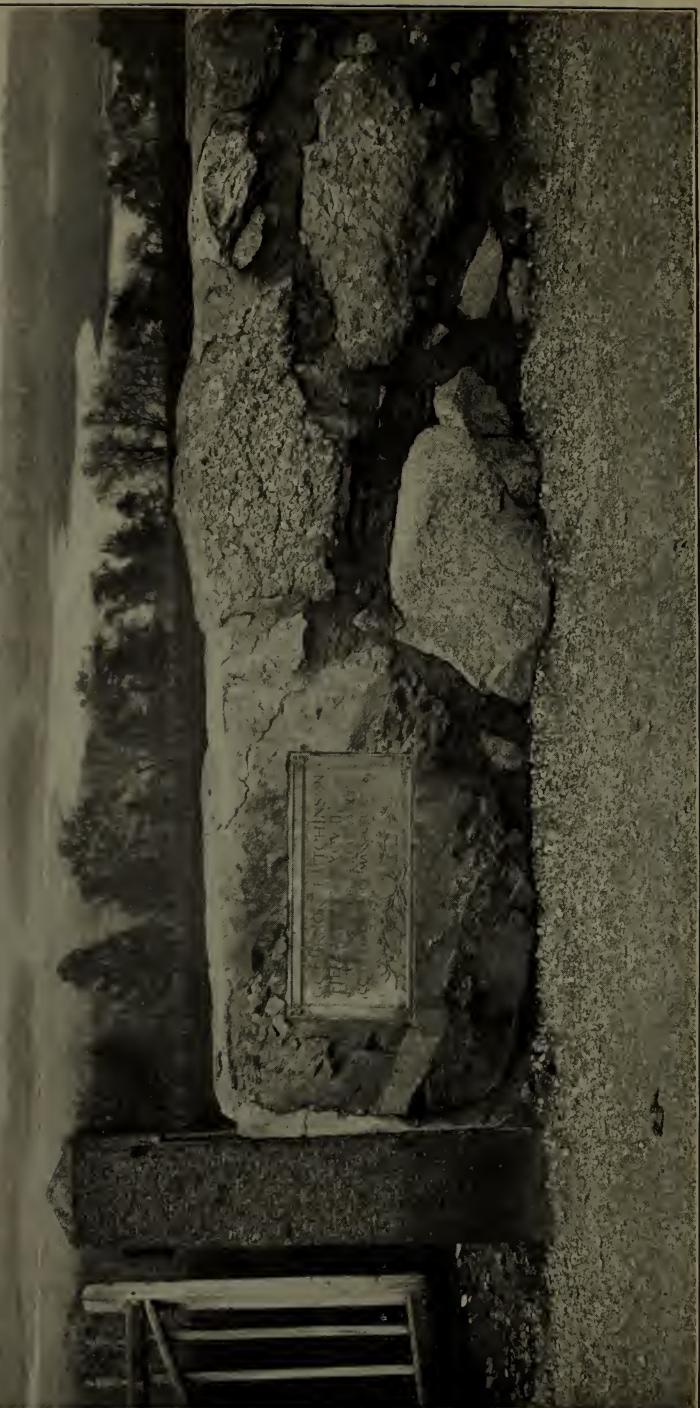
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES
OF
PUBLIC RESERVATIONS
1903.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY
WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE, BOSTON.
1904.

Societies and individuals interested in Massachusetts history, natural history, scenery, and town and country improvement, are invited to contribute to the working funds of this Board. The annual reports can be promised only to founders, life associates and contributors. (See By-laws, Article II.) The treasurer is George Wigglesworth, 53 State Street, Boston. The secretary is John Woodbury, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON FIELD:— TABLET.



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS

1903.



PRINTED FOR THE TRUSTEES BY

WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO., STATE PRINTERS,
18 POST OFFICE SQUARE., BOSTON.

1904.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

1903.

GEORGE F. HOAR, *President*, Worcester.

GEORGE SHELDON, *Vice-President*, Deerfield.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

* PHILIP A. CHASE, *Chairman*, Lynn.

CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.

HENRY P. WALCOTT, Cambridge.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN, Milton.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, 53 State Street, Boston.

JOHN WOODBURY, *Secretary*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, Lincoln.

J. F. A. ADAMS, Pittsfield.

OAKES AMES, North Easton.

OLIVER AMES, Boston.

FRANCIS H. APPLETON, Boston.

WILLIAM BREWSTER, Cambridge.

JAMES W. BROOKS, Petersham.

FRANKLIN CARTER, Williamstown.

GEORGE W. CHASE, North Adams.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, Northampton.

CHARLES R. CODMAN, Cotuit.

ELISHA S. CONVERSE, Malden.

DELORAIN P. COREY, Malden.

CHARLES H. DALTON, Boston.

CHARLES W. ELIOT, Cambridge.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.

DESMOND FITZGERALD, Brookline.

EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, Brookline.

SIDNEY F. HASKELL, Gloucester.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.

HENRY M. LOVERING, Taunton.

ARTHUR LYMAN, Waltham.

GEORGE C. MANN, Jamaica Plain.

CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.

ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.

ROBERT O. MORRIS, Springfield.

DANIEL H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

JAMES H. NEWTON, Holyoke.

FREDERICK LAW OLMS TED, Jr., Brookline.

HENRY L. PARKER, Worcester.

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, Cambridge.
 JOHN ROBINSON, Salem.
 NATHANIEL S. SHALER, Tisbury.
 HENRY R. SHAW, Boston.
 JOSEPH TUCKER, Pittsfield.

GEORGE H. TUCKER, Pittsfield.
 WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
 MOSES WILLIAMS, Brookline.
 FRANK H. WRIGHT, Great Barrington.
 WALTER C. WRIGHT, Medford.

FOUNDERS.

Miss HELEN C. BUTLER, New York.
 Miss ELLEN CHASE, Brookline.
 Mrs. MARY F. CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
 *JOSEPH STORY FAY, Falmouth.
 *JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
 *Mrs. JOHN M. FORBES, Milton.
 Mrs. EDITH E. FORBES, Milton.
 EDWARD W. FORBES, Milton.
 Miss EDITH FORBES, Milton.
 J. MALCOLM FORBES, Milton.
 *JOSEPH S. GLOVER, Boston.

AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY, Canton.
 *WILLIAM MINOT, Boston.
 CHARLES SEDGWICK MINOT, Milton.
 ROBERT SEDGWICK MINOT, Manchester.
 LAURENCE MINOT, Boston.
 *GEORGE R. R. RIVERS, Milton.
 Miss MARY RIVERS, Milton.
 *Mrs. FANNY FOSTER TUDOR, Boston.
 GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, Milton.

LIFE ASSOCIATES.

DWIGHT ANDREWS, Sheffield.
 HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
 Mrs. HARRISON O. APTHORP, Milton.
 Mrs. ANNA E. BARNARD, Sheffield.
 HENRY BROOKS, Lincoln.
 PETER C. BROOKS, Boston.
 SHEPHERD BROOKS, Boston.
 J. HENRY BROOKS, Milton.
 JOSEPH BREWER, Milton.
 EDWARD M. BREWER, Milton.
 Miss BREWER, Milton.
 JOHN C. COBB, Milton.
 Mrs. LOUIS CABOT, Brookline.
 Miss C. H. CABOT, Brookline.
 Mrs. EDWARD M. CARY, MILTON.
 Miss HESTER CUNNINGHAM, Milton.
 Miss MARY E. DEWEY, Boston.

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston.
 W. E. C. EUSTIS, Milton.
 GEORGE A. FARLOW, Boston.
 Mrs. ROSE D. FORBES, Milton.
 J. MURRAY FORBES, Milton.
 W. CAMERON FORBES, Westwood.
 Miss C. F. FORBES, Milton.
 RALPH E. FORBES, Milton.
 SAMUEL GANNETT, Milton.
 H. C. GALLAGHER, Milton.
 Mrs. GRIFFITH, Milton.
 H. H. HUNNEWELL, Boston.
 A. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, Milton.
 Miss M. C. JACKSON, Boston.
 Miss HELEN L. JAQUES, Milton.
 Mrs. FRANCES JAQUES, Milton.
 Miss AMELIA H. JONES, New Bedford.

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

7

Mrs. MARY L. JONES, New Bedford.	WALLACE L. PIERCE, Milton.
NATHANIEL T. KIDDER, Milton.	JAMES SAVAGE RUSSELL, Milton.
WILLIAM C. LORING, Boston.	Miss LAURA D. RUSSELL, Plymouth.
WILLIAM J. LADD, Boston.	Miss MARION RUSSELL, Boston.
Mrs. HENRY LEE, Brookline.	Mrs. HENRY S. RUSSELL, Milton.
H. A. LAMB, Milton.	CHARLES S. SARGENT, Brookline.
FRANCIS T. OWEN, Great Barrington.	JOHN E. THAYER, South Lancaster.
Mrs. JOHN C. PHILLIPS, Boston.	WILLIAM WHITING, Holyoke.
Mrs. OLIVER W. PEABODY, Milton.	ELLERTON P. WHITNEY, Milton.

OFFICERS, 1891-1903.

President.

GEORGE F. HOAR,	1891-1903.
---------------------------	------------

Vice-President.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF,	1891-1895.
GEORGE SHELDON,	1896-1903.

Chairman of the Standing Committee.

PHILIP A. CHASE,	1891-1893.
CHARLES ELIOT,	1894-1897.
PHILIP A. CHASE,	1897-1903.

Treasurer.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH,	1891-1903.
--------------------------------	------------

Secretary.

CHARLES ELIOT,	1891-1893.
HENRY R. SHAW,	1894.
JOHN WOODBURY,	1894-1903.

LANDS HELD BY THE TRUSTEES, DEC. 31, 1903.

	ACRES.
Virginia Wood,	20
Goodwill Park,	70
Rocky Narrows,	21
Mount Anne Park,	50
Governor Hutchinson's Field,	10
Monument Mountain Reservation,	260
The Pine Knoll,	6

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

[CHAPTER 352, ACTS OF 1891.]

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

SECTION 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate, such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.

SECTION 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEMBERS.

The members of the corporation shall be residents of Massachusetts, and their number shall not exceed fifty.

The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate persons to membership by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall, on his acceptance in writing of his election, be declared and enrolled a member of the corporation. Membership may be terminated by resignation, and shall be terminated by failure for three successive years to attend the annual meeting; but in the latter case the Standing Committee may by vote suspend the operation of this rule when it sees best.

ARTICLE II.

OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES AND CONTRIBUTORS.

All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

All persons, societies or corporations not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive one or more dollars, shall be enrolled as contributors for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

ARTICLE III.

OF MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present. After which at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows:—

First. — The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be announced by the Secretary to the President, and taken up in order.

Second. — The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third. — The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial condition of the corporation at that date.

Fourth. — The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a report.

Fifth. — Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth. — If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the By-laws, the same shall be voted upon, as provided in Article VII.

Seventh. — If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held, as provided in Article I.

Eighth. — An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held as provided in Article IV., Section 1.

Ninth. — On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth. — The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE IV.

OF OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officiis* members of the Standing Committee, which shall consist of seven persons in all. The officers and the Standing Committee shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. Any vacancy occurring in any of the above offices from death, resignation, or inability, shall be filled by the Standing Committee at their next regular meeting or at a special meeting to be called for the purpose before such regular meeting.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice-President, and, if the Vice-President is also absent, a President *pro tempore*, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by votes of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of

the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the committee. In his absence a chairman *pro tempore* may be chosen by hand vote.

The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members.

The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint sub-committees of their number, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE SEAL.

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts," and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

ARTICLE VII.

OF AMENDMENTS.

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these By-laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

The Standing Committee of the Trustees of Public Reservations submits herewith its thirteenth annual report.

Your Committee must begin with noting the loss the corporation has sustained by the death of Philip A. Chase, who was the Chairman of this Committee. Mr. Chase was active in the movement which led to the creation of this Board, and was named as a member of the corporation in the act of the Legislature establishing the Trustees of Public Reservations. He was selected as a member of this Committee when it was organized, and has continued to be a member of it from that time. He has acted as its Chairman, except during those years when Charles Eliot held that office. He has been a constant attendant at all meetings both of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, and has been familiar with the details of everything that the Trustees have done. He has aided the Board with his counsel and has taken a large part in all the activities of the organization. His interest in the preservation of beautiful and historic spots in Massachusetts was not confined to his work in this Board. He was a member of an organization formed to acquire and preserve some of the natural forest in the westerly portion of his native city of Lynn. He placed himself at the head of a movement which, by supplementing a moderate municipal expenditure with individual contributions of a large amount, has resulted in the creation of the public reservation of about 2,000 acres, now known as the Lynn Woods. He was Chairman of the first Park Commission of Lynn, a member of the State commission appointed to inquire and report upon the park needs of the metropoli-

tan district of Boston, and subsequently for several years a member of the permanent Metropolitan Park Commission, created to carry out the recommendations of that report. In this latter capacity he was active in securing for the public the Blue Hills, Middlesex Fells, Revere Beach and other reservations of the Metropolitan Park System. His tastes led him to join many other organizations whose purposes were like that of this Board, to preserve the beautiful scenery of this State. His business ability, sound judgment and intimate knowledge of men and affairs made his services of inestimable value to this and to other similar organizations. It is a pleasure to remember that the time and the effort which he so generously expended in such activities were so often repaid to him in the constant and lasting pleasure which he enjoyed in his frequent visits to those scenes of natural beauty whose preservation and continued usefulness are so largely due to his foresight, sagacity, perseverance and deep sympathy.

Your Committee have not received this year any new gifts of either land or money. They can report that the holdings committed to your care are in good condition and apparently more appreciated each year. In accordance with a suggestion made at the last annual meeting the Secretary arranged for the Trustees during the year excursions to several of the reservations. In June, Rocky Narrows were visited. The Trustees are indebted to Mr. Robert S. Minot and Mr. C. H. W. Foster, who made the arrangements for the trip and entertained the party at lunch at Mr. Minot's home. Canoes and boats were taken from the boat-house of Mr. Minot in Dover up the Charles to the Narrows and return. In July another party of the Trustees visited Goodwill Park in Falmouth. Mr. William Taggard Piper made arrangements for the conveyance of the party, and provided a lunch at his residence. In October a trip was arranged to Great Barrington which occupied two days. The party made its headquarters at the Berkshire Inn in that town, and on the first day visited the Pine Knoll in Sheffield. They were met at the Knoll by a committee of the high school scholars, who take a share of the care of the Knoll,

and by Mr. Willard French, who acts as local custodian. On the following day the party visited Monument Mountain, following the roadway to its end, and climbing the short, steep path which leads thence to the summit of the Crags. The party were indebted to Mr. Frank H. Wright and Mr. Pailey A. Russell of Great Barrington for attentions shown them during their stay. These visits were productive both in pleasure and information to those who were able to join in them, and your Committee hopes to extend them to other holdings the coming season.

The local committees report that your holdings have received necessary care during the year and are in good condition. The Superintendent of the Middlesex Fells states that during the past year a considerable amount of work has been necessary to protect Virginia Wood from damage by the gypsy moth, and, although there has been no defoliation, the section has become badly infested through colonies located outside the boundaries of the reservation. In order to facilitate the suppression of the insect and offer more thorough protection to the large trees, a greater part of the underbrush has been cleared and a force of experienced men is now employed destroying egg clusters.

No special work has been required in Goodwill Park beyond keeping the roads in repair and the fire guard cut out. A suggestion has been made that the care of the park be turned over to the local park commission. On consideration, however, your Committee feels that Mr. Fay's wishes require that the park should for the present remain in the charge of the local committee named by him.

Although remote from travelled roads, no further injury has been done to the tree growth of Rocky Narrows. The local committee suggest that, if funds were available, an adjoining tract of land could be acquired for a reasonable price, which would tend to increase the attractions of the neighborhood by preserving a further stretch of woodland seen from the river, together with the woodland on top of the hill and connected with the reservation.

Mt. Anne Park has been visited by a larger number of people the last year than ever before. The proposed road

from Essex Avenue to and along Haskell Pond, when completed, will render the park more accessible both from Manchester and Gloucester. The city water board has again increased its holdings in the neighborhood, which, in effect, adds to the park area. Several fires have started in the neighborhood, but have not reached the park. There is a strong desire on the part of those visiting the summit of the mountain for the erection of some sort of a structure which will make it possible to see freely over the tree tops.

At Gov. Hutchinson Field, beyond affixing a bronze tablet to a handsome boulder, which is in the wall near one of the entrances, nothing has been done excepting to cut the grass. The price obtained for the grass, which was sold standing, was low, but the work of clearing up was so well done as to remove the necessity of any further expenditure for the season.

At Monument Mountain Reservation an extensive fire occurred on the west side of the mountain early in the summer, and was fought by a large force of men, including our custodian and his assistants. No actual damage was done to the reservation. In the autumn the road up the mountain was repaired, especially with reference to surface drainage, so that the heavy rains and melting snow might not wash it out. A little work in tree-cutting along the line of the road was also done by way of protecting some white pines, hemlocks and other valuable trees. One of the life-tenants of the farm-house has died, and the other remains still in occupation. It is a melancholy fact, and not a pleasant one to record, that some defacement has been committed on the memorial stone bearing the inscription which records the gift of the mountain. Fortunately this is not serious in extent, but in its nature it is of the utmost consequence; and if anybody could devise some means of preventing such actions, he would do an inestimable service to the corporation and the community.

Pine Knoll Reservation is very popular in the town of Sheffield. The work done upon it this year comprises cutting and removing the grass, clearing the foot-path which runs around the grove, improving the tennis court, repairing

the wire fence adjoining the meadow lands and furnishing one settee for the tennis court.

This Board has always expressed interest in the work of other organizations engaged in similar work. A committee, of which Mr. Charles S. Randall of New Bedford is Chairman, has for several years been engaged in an effort to mark a spot noted in the history of New England. A stone tower over fifty feet in height has been built on Gosnold's Islet, which lies in Gosnold Pond at the west end of the island of Cuttyhunk, as a permanent monument to the memory of Bartholomew Gosnold and his companions, who landed there on June 4 (O. S. May 25), 1602, and made the first attempt to found an English settlement on New England shores. The corner-stone was laid on June 4, 1902, the three hundredth anniversary of Gosnold's landing. The dedication of the Gosnold Tower took place on Sept. 1 (O. S. Aug. 22), 1903, the anniversary of Gosnold's death in 1607, at Jamestown, Virginia. The Old Dartmouth Historical Society, recently incorporated, is to act as the custodian of the monument.

A matter of national interest is the effort which is making to preserve the Calaveras Groves of Big Trees in California. Congress has been asked to acquire the land upon which they stand, which is now private property, and attention has been called to the need of legislative action in a special message of the President. The Outdoor Art League of San Francisco has been especially active in this movement.

The public demand increases every year for the regulation of advertising in public places, and especially in the neighborhood of parks and in locations where it will interfere with the enjoyment of natural scenery. A reference to previous reports will show that this Board has expressed itself in favor of reasonable legislation looking to this end. In 1898 it obtained a useful amendment to the existing law preventing the defacement of objects in the highway, and in the same year members of this Board actively supported a bill to regulate advertisements in the limit of parks. This latter bill was defeated by a narrow margin. Since that year there have been other attempts made to secure similar

legislation, with the result, it would seem, of educating and arousing public opinion ; for the Legislature of 1903, against an active opposition, placed upon the statute books of Massachusetts a law which should be productive of excellent results. It is of such interest and importance that it seems best to print it in full in the appendix to this report. Several park commissions, acting under this law, have already adopted rules as therein required. Many flagrant abuses in the shape of advertising signs have been removed by the owners without waiting for further action. The full effect of the law, however, will not be felt until the question of its constitutionality, which has been denied by its opponents, has been settled. Whatever the result may be, it is now reasonably clear that public opinion, at least in Massachusetts, is against what is called "offensive advertising," and the offenders can have little doubt but that a means for its suppression will be found. The law which has been passed by the Legislature expresses the best sentiment of Massachusetts, and the people of this State have been accustomed to see their best sentiments sooner or later crystallized into permanent results.

CHARLES S. SARGENT.

HENRY P. WALCOTT.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER.

CHARLES S. RACKEMANN.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH.

JOHN WOODBURY.

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

General Account.

Dr.	General Account.	Cr.
1903.		
Dec. 31,	To subscriptions received during 1903.	\$21 00
Dec. 31,	To interest received from deposits during 1903.	20 54
Dec. 31,	To balance,	162 28
		\$203 82
	1903.	
	Jan. 1,	By balance,
	Jan. 8,	Paid Wright & Potter for printing annual report,
		125 00
		\$203 82
	1904.	
	Jan. 1,	By balance,

CR.

PUBLIC RESERVATIONS.

23

Dr.		Rocky Narrows Reservation.				Cr.						
1903.	Jan. 1,	To balance,	•	•	•	\$44 03	1903.	Dec. 31,	By balance,	•	•	\$44 03
						\$44 03						\$44 03
1904.	Jan. 1,	To balance,	•	•	•	\$44 03						
Dr.		General Purpose Fund.				Cr.						
1903.	Jan. 1,	To balance,	•	•	•	\$210 06	1903.	Aug. 31,				
		To coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-West Division) $3\frac{1}{2}$ s, due January 1,				35 00						
		To coupons Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-West Division) $3\frac{1}{2}$ s, due July 1,				35 00						
		To balance of agent's account, transferred to this account,	•	•	•	222 57						
							\$502 63					
1904.	Jan. 1,	To balance,	•	•	•							
							\$350 88					

Securities held by Treasurer.

Virginia Wood: \$2,000 Chicago Terminal Transfer Railroad 4s; \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.

Monument Mountain Reservation: \$2,000 Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad 4s.

Mount Anne Park: \$1,000 American Telephone and Telegraph 4s.

General Purpose Fund: \$2,000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad (South-West Division) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.

Pine Knoll: \$1,000 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.

The undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Public Reservations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. The securities called for by the above account were exhibited.

NATHANIEL T. KIDDER,

D. P. COREY,

ROBT. S. MINOT,

Auditing Committee.

APPENDIX.

[CHAPTER 158 OF THE ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS
FOR THE YEAR 1903.]

AN ACT TO PROTECT PUBLIC PARKS AND PARKWAYS FROM DISFIGUREMENT BY ADVERTISEMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. The metropolitan park commission and the officer or officers having charge of public parks and parkways in any city or town may make such reasonable rules and regulations respecting the display of signs, posters or advertisements in or near to and visible from public parks and parkways entrusted to their care, as they may deem necessary for preserving the objects for which such parks and parkways are established and maintained.

SECTION 2. The commission or officers aforesaid shall give notice of all rules and regulations made by them under authority of this act by posting the same in three or more public places in the city or town in which the public park or parkway is situated, and by publishing the same in some newspaper, if there be one, published in such city or town. Such notice shall be deemed legal notice to all persons.

SECTION 3. Whoever violates any rule or regulation made and published as aforesaid shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence; and any sign, poster or advertisement erected or maintained in violation of any such rule or regulation shall be deemed a public nuisance.

[Approved March 17, 1903.]

